

Old Town Historical Committee
April 14, 2008
Monday

5:45 PM
Minutes

Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order at 5:50. Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Deeds moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

Mr. Deeds noted that in the minutes on 08-01 Minimum Maintenance Standards, is states “discussion ensued” and Mr. Deeds wants to make sure that Mr. Neimayer and his staff have a clear direction that they can call out something they see without having it deemed active enforcement.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds,**
 NAYS:
 Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry abstained.
Motion carried.

Resolved Items:

None at this time.

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis stated that the purchase of the other 11 feet of the building has come a long way.

Mr. Garvin stated that we are to the point where we are ready to close on that 11 feet and they are running into the titling issue of how to title a little corner of a building to someone else. Mr. Garvin says it is not a big problem, it will get figured out, but it has slowed down the closing. Ms. Osborn is sending out an Email to Gene Hollins regarding the status on that issue.

The building is coming along great and is right on track. Two grant applications have been submitted for \$25,000 each, one is with the State of Ohio and the other is with Heritage Ohio.

Mr. Garvin thanked Ms. Osborn and Mr. Sims for their help in filing for these grants.

Grand opening is still scheduled for the fall.

Mr. Jarvis worked with Dick Miller to create something based on the conceptual drawing to let everyone know where we are headed with the building. In the evolution of the building, many things were either built or filled in and Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Miller took the time to come up with a game plan as to how those openings are to be dealt with. In some cases, they will be functional openings. In other cases, they will be dummies. None of these have been discussed with Landmarks.

Mr. Jarvis showed several pictures and discussed them with regards to landscaping and placement of walkways.

Mr. Jarvis stated that he believes at completion there will be space for 6 desks for overflow of the Village, should they need to use them.

Mr. Jarvis continued to discuss floor plans, elevations and overall grounds of the building.

New Items for Discussion:

08-03 Downtown Overlay Review

Mr. Deeds noted that since the Main Street Organization has had the opportunity to inventory the properties downtown and now have suggested uses, it would be an appropriate time to review the Downtown Overlay.

Mr. Jarvis stated to Mr. Strayer that he would like to have a copy of the original Downtown Overlay given to each of the Committee members, as well as one for Main Street, one for Historical and one for Landmarks. A one sheet instruction page should be handed out along with the Overlay stating "Please review for relevance".

This issue will then be carried over to the next Old Town Committee meeting.

08-04 Naming of "Dixon" alley

Mr. Jarvis stated that during a prior Old Town meeting, the naming of several alleys in the Stradley park area was discussed. A local historian, Don Miller, brought in some historic maps and shared information with the Committee. The Committee then went forward to Council with names to rename three of the alleys based on names that had been there, but had somehow gotten lost over time.

One alley, in particular, that runs North/South on the western edge of the area does not have a name. There is no historical information that shows the alley ever having been named.

When this town was originally platted, the alley cut through what was then called "Dixon's First Edition", so Mr. Jarvis submits naming the alley "Dixon Alley".

Mr. Jarvis would like to take this in front of full council.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to name the alley between W. Columbus Street running north into Towing Path, Dixon Alley. Mr. Deeds seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**
NAYS:
Motion carried.

This will need to be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

08-05 Review of reformatted business development brochure

Mr. Strayer explained that the Business Development brochure is a tri-fold brochure that outlines the various steps a property owner or business owner would have to go through to start a business in Canal Winchester.

Mr. Strayer worked with Bob Garvin from Main Street on reformatting that so that it would be updated and read a little better. Mr. Strayer will email the new brochure to Committee members and would like for them to review it before it is printed.

Mr. Jarvis asked if the objective has changed from the first brochure. He remembers the first brochure being a quick-start guide to anyone wanting to start a business in Canal Winchester and being geared toward small businesses.

Mr. Strayer stated that it did not change the objective.

Mr. Garvin clarified that in the past, people had gone to Mr. Neimayer and discussed opening a business and thought they had gotten all the information they needed, only to have the Village stop them and tell them about the other permits, etc that were needed. This brochure was made to end that confusion and give the business owner all the information and contacts they need.

Mr. Jarvis asked if it had a marketing flair. Mr. Strayer stated it is mostly administrative in nature.

Mr. Jarvis asked if it would be useful on the Village of Canal Winchester website. Mr. Strayer answered that he could make a PDF and get it on the website.

New Business:

Mike Ippoliti gave a review over what has been done on the last year with the Barber Museum. Since April 25th, 2007 when we took it over, 216 people have gone through, which is a lot more than in the past years. Many people made appointments to see the museum. Three barber schools, totaling 75 students and teachers, came through. The Ohio Barber Ward Trustee meeting was held there. The Springfield and Clark County Senior Group came through. Recently the Ohio State University ceramics department came through and was impressed with the mugs. Newsletter editor of the Ohio Library Council came and is doing an article. Many people from a total of 14 states and 2 countries came to tour the museum last year.

Also, many donations were made to the museum throughout the past year.

Old Business:

None at this time.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**
 NAYS:

Meeting adjourned at 6:33P.M.